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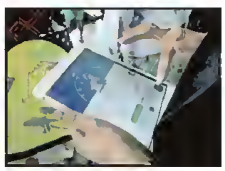

Fun and games

Library embraces Pokemon Go.

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Remembering 9/11

Marianne Mathews from the Royal Canadian Legion, Br. 230, joined by Mayor Wayne Redekop in Ridgeway on Sunday. The local branch dedicated a 9/11 memorial stone at its Peace Park to honour military and first responders on the 15-year anniversary of the tragic event in New York City.

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Taste buds awaken at Fort Erie food festival

SARAH FERGUSON
Fort Erie Times

Have a taste of the best food Fort Erie has to offer.

The second annual Taste of Fort Erie, planned for Saturday, Sept. 17 from noon to 11 p.m., is put on by the Bridgeburg Business Improvement Association and will feature about 100 food vendors including Andrzejewski Perogies, Billy Bones, Broaster Boys, Crystal Beach Candy Company, and more.

"There's going to be lots of food vendors, and all of the local restaurants including the Alley Bar, and The Old Bank Bistro will have specials inside their store," said Taste of Fort Erie co-organizer Julie Brady.

Brady, who is organizing the event with fellow Bridgeburg BIA member Katie Miller, said this year's Taste of Fort Erie promises to be the best yet.

"Last year, we weren't sure what kind of attendance we would get for the first year. About 6,500 people attended last year, and I don't think the vendors were totally prepared for the great turnout we had," Brady said.

"This year, everyone is more organized."

According to Brady, the layout of the festival has been revised to "create a better flow."

Vendors will also stay later this year to accommodate the large crowds.

"Last year, the vendors stayed until 6 p.m. but this year we've asked them to stay until 9 p.m.," Brady said.

Brimstone Brewing Company is also organizing a beer tent for adults that is bigger this year.

The festival will have plenty of activities for families.

In addition to all of the good food to eat, people can shop for jewellery, crafts, clothing, toys and other items.

Ballet Plus School of Dance, the Down the Rabbit Hole Theatre Company and Martial Arts One have signed on to entertain the crowds.

There will also be live music to enjoy, featuring performances from Spencer Mackenzie, The Associates, Guilty Pleasures and Split Second.

There's a lot to entertain the youngsters with appearances from Disney characters including Frozen's Elsa and Olaf, three bounce houses, nail art, glitter face painting, snow cones, ice cream, a Niagara Area Children's Assistance Program carnival, a rock wall, activities provided by the Fort Erie Arts Council and more.

Back by popular demand, Brady said there will be a graffiti car challenge for high school students.

Brady encourages everyone to attend Taste of Fort Erie.

"Everything is free, and all of the kids activities are free," Brady said.

"There will be all-day live music, lots of food, and people can sit back and relax."

For more information about Taste of Fort Erie visit www.bridgeburgdistrict.com.

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WHO: The Bridgeburg Improvement Association
WHAT: The Taste of Fort Erie
WHEN: Saturday, Sept. 17 from noon to 11 p.m.
WHERE: Jarvis Street in downtown Bridgeburg

Live music on the main stage
- Spencer MacKenzie, noon to 3 p.m.
- The Associates, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Guilty Pleasures, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Split Second, 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Performance stage
- The Paint a Car competition begins, noon.
- Ballet Plus School of Dance, 12:30 p.m.
- Martial Arts One Demonstration, 1:30 p.m.
- Down The Rabbit Hole Theatre Company, 2:30 p.m.
- Audrey Watkins Highland Dance Academy, 3:30 p.m.

FILE PHOTO/FORT ERIE TIMES

Hundreds of people filled the streets for the first ever Taste of Fort Erie last year. In this file photo, Zach Gray served up ribs to festival goers. This year's Taste of Fort Erie will be held Sept. 17.

Roman Viskup from Spicy Acres, a home business in Crystal Beach that sells heirloom seeds on the Internet, along with other unique produce items.
Kris Dubé/Special to the Fort Erie Times

Town applies for grant to improve beaches

SARAH FERGUSON
Fort Erie Times

With a business plan in place, the Town of Fort Erie has submitted an application to the Region's Niagara Waterfront Investment Program asking for $850,000 to help pay for much-needed improvements to Bay Beach.

"We expect to be hearing in about six weeks (whether or not the application is successful," Rick Brady, the Town's director of community and development services, said.

The Town hired the Planning Partnership, a consultant firm that developed the master plan through a number of public consultation meetings.

The plan is expected to become the catalyst for the revitalization of Crystal Beach. The improvements include a new washroom facility with showers and accessible change rooms, improved parking, a festival square, admission gates and a kiosk, pedestrian walkways, a children's play area, a redesign of the downtown area, improved landscaping and views of the beach from Erie Road as well as an opportunity for residential and commercial development.

Town staff estimate the total cost for the project at $2 million. The Town will use $357,000 from reserves, $292,00 from development charges and proceeds from the sale of an Erie Road property to pay for the project, with the bulk of the funds coming from the Region's grant program.

Brady said he expects the Town will be successful in achieving the grant.

"The application is strong in my opinion in a couple of ways. It follows on the heels of a master plan that the Region was a participant in developing and funding. It has set the stage for what we're implementing," he said.

The Town previously received $150,000 from the Region's former Lakefront Enhancement Strategy Incentive program, which was scrapped last year. It was replaced with the Niagara Waterfront Investment Program, which calls for a municipality to submit a detailed business case that outlines how a project will have an economic benefit to both the applicant and the Region.

Brady said the redevelopment of Bay Beach benefits both Fort Erie and Niagara as a whole because it is a popular destination in the region.

"Bay Beach is the largest municipal beach on Lake Erie that is open to the public," he said.

According to Brady, the Town is currently working on a detailed design plan for Bay Beach that will be brought to council before the end of this year. But how the design plan for the beach will look depends on how much money, if any, the Town will receive from the Region.

"We may have to phase the project in (over the course of a period of time)," Brady said.

File photo of Bay Beach in Fort Erie.

Once approved, the redevelopment of Bay Beach is expected to begin in the fall of 2017.

"Our intention is not to build in the summer because that would be ridiculous," Brady said.

"We don't want to close it for a season to build. We want to be able to continue to use the beach in the summer of 2017 and 2018.

Although the master plans calls for admission to the beach, Brady said Fort Erie residents will not be charged to use the beach.

"When the master plan was in development, fees were one of the issues that were addressed. Fort Erie residents made it clear that there should be some charge to use Bay Beach for people coming from out of town."

Brady said the price, which has yet to be determined, would fluctuate depending on the time of day, and season.

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Town staff address downtown parking woes

SARAH FERGUSON
Fort Erie Times

Town of Fort Erie staff members are working on a strategy to deal with parking problems in Greater Fort Erie's downtown cores.

According to a report that was delivered to councillors during last Tuesday's council-in-committee meeting, property owners interested in creating residential units above commercial buildings are finding it difficult to meet the required number of parking spaces on-site.

New residential uses are required to provide parking on-site with the total number of parking spaces determined by the number of units. One parking space per unit is required for residential use in commercial zones.

As a result of this issue, councillors directed Town staff to consult with the business improvement associations in Bridgburg, Crystal Beach, Ridgeway and Stevensville and other stakeholders to develop a downtown parking strategy to address required parking for new residential development in Fort Erie's downtown cores.

To date, the Town permits residential parking in the downtown cores off-site where it can't be accommodated on-site through a minor variance and consent application process.

The Ridgeway Business Improvement Association, the Bridgeburg Improvement Association, the Crystal Beach Business Improvement Association, Stevensville business owners and the Fort Erie Economic Development and Tourism Corporation were invited to participate in meetings held in May and June to gather input to develop the strategy.

According to Mayor Wayne Redekop, a total of 16 people participated at the various meetings, and that isn't enough to develop a strategy.

"That's a small number when relying on comment for policy," he said.

Rick Brady, the Town's director of planning and development services, said members of the Bridgburg and Ridgeway BIAs provided "some fairly good commentary."

"We feel comfortable that we understand the issues there," he added.

Brady said staff members will reach out to members of the Crystal Beach community again because Town staff received no response from the Crystal Beach BIA.

"In Crystal Beach, we have had no commentary whatsoever. If you look in the body of the report, the report suggests what we should do is issue a press release, which we will do if this report is approved (to make people more aware of developing parking strategy)," Brady said.

"I was thinking in the whimsical sense of having the press release start off by saying there is no parking problem in Crystal Beach." Members of Town staff are looking at a number of parking options, which include permit parking, and a public-private partnership for municipal lots.

Once the strategy is finalized, Brady said there wouldn't be one solution that works for all of Fort Erie's downtown cores.

"We're going to provide a suite of alternatives to provide people with different ways to park in the downtowns," he said.

"We're hoping that way, different downtown areas can have different options and still have a consensus that applies to Fort Erie as a whole."

The Town will host a public meeting to gather commentary from members of the community.

Brady said the meeting will be advertised through a media advisory, in newsprint and local business owners will be notified via mail.

Once the public meeting is held, Town staff will gather the information and a new report with a proposed strategy will be presented to council.

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Knee injuries common among pets

We finally have a little cooler weather in Niagara and my dog is suddenly much more active outdoors.

Minnow, my black Lab, has had a long hot summer and is enjoying the time outdoors hiking and exploring the woods behind our home. Letting your dog off leash to run, fetch a ball or just hike are some of the most enjoyable times with your dog.

But injuries can occur. One of the more common injuries I see presented at my animal hospital are injuries to the knee.

A dog's knee is the middle joint in the hind leg, more commonly referred to as the stifle joint. There are many ligaments in the stifle, but one of the most important stabilizers is the cranial cruciate ligament. In humans, this ligament is referred to as the anterior cruciate ligament. Partial of complete tears to this ligament can lead to permanent lameness if left untreated.

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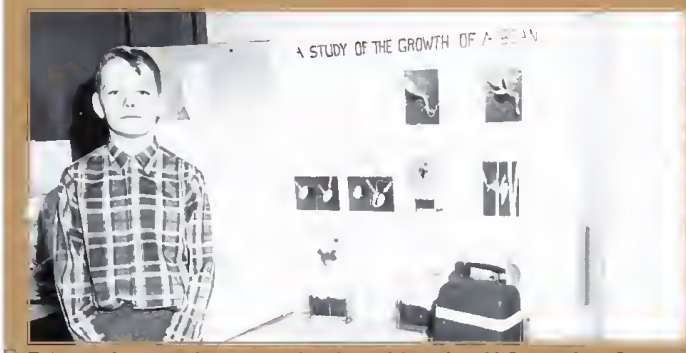

This weekís photo of a boy and his science fair project, ìA Study of the Growth of a Beanî. If you know this student or if this is you in the photo, please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-894-5322 or send us an e-mail museum@forterie.ca

A big thanks to Harry Dean for dropping by the Fort Erie Historical Museum on Grandparents' Day last Sunday and noticing the Do You Remember photo. He was surprised and delighted to see a picture of his grandmother, Beulah Pickard (lady in the middle) posted on our bulletin board. This photo taken in 1980, must have marked milestone birthdays for all three ladies.

Thanks as well to the woman who called the newspaper about the previous week's photo. She identified Steven Pooler and Beth Plato as the two children pictured with Dawn (Dougherty) Kendrick.

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Taking in all of Niagara's beauty

I love Fort Erie's Friendship Trail. I use it often riding my trusty electric motor scooter. What do you see in the picture that accompanies my column this week?

Those who travel the trail know what they are. The Town of Fort Erie has tried to cover the cracks that have occurred after those first few years.

They first tried a very narrow covering of the cracks, but it was not good enough. Now we have a wide covering that in some areas such as between Bernard and Burleigh Avenues it is quite pronounced.

It's not the most attractive picture in my estimation. I have travelled westward along the trail into Port Colborne.

You know what? There are no cracks in their pavement. What gives?

I served three years on the original planning Friendship Trail Committee and I can recall a former town councillor predicting there would be cracks on the trail. Over the years, various people took tonnes of base stone off the old C.N.R. railway. That didn't happen in Port Colborne. I may be wrong, but I have travelled our portion every year since its completion and I have not seen any cracks widening to any great degree.

Note: As a nature lover our Fort Erie sections far exceeds in unique settings that of Port Colborne sections. Even with our many cracks.

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I travel the Niagara Parkway quite often because it is a beautiful drive. One year I saw the colourful Harlequin male duck and his mate near Nicholl's Marina in south Fort Erie. Actually I was looking for the bald eagle. Wife, Elaine and I saw the majestic bird perched in a giant river willow near Black Creek.

This late summer day we headed north along the parkway. It was a bald eagle watch. As we approached the Black Creek Bridge we saw it —

A large bird was perched in a willow.

Then I recognized the bird — a black-crowned night heron.

It didn't make sense to me to see this bird as it was mid-morning since its name implies it is mainly nocturnal.

Other ones I have seen in daylight on Miller's Creek are in the reed beds or roosting in nearby trees. It's a good sized bird - Medium sized compared to the great blue heron. It has a rather short neck and of course a black crown.

Wait until dusk or night and listen.

I had my grandson, Luke O'Brien, describe the bird he had seen up north. Luke mimicked the bird's call. I knew what it was - the black-crowned night heron. I showed him a Peterson profile and played the bird's call. "That's it, grandpa!"

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I try to set some goals for my nature writing each year. One year, my goal was to return to Algonquin Park for the August wolf howls.

Wolf howls? Do you know what I mean?

Thursday nights in August some of the park rangers arrange for a drive to an area where packs of wolves will howl away the night. I called the park and a ranger said to get there early shortly after7 p.m. We arrived at 6:15 p.m. and sat in the first row ready to go. We had paid $6 for the privilege.

There was ample room for 600 cars in the parking lots. Countless cars arrived. Darkness eventually came. Workers with flashlights began ushering the lot across the way. Hey, we were here first.

Hundreds of cars headed out to the highway. I had been misled! Not so. The first 300 drove past the site and turned around and came back, We simply headed down the road and ended at the site. We were the first car. Great! In an hour or so we heard the first howls that sounded so clearly.

For over an hour we were serenaded by the Algonquin wolves. We were told that a group of rangers the previous week had ascertained where the pack would be for a Thursday. I wondered about rainy nights. Would there still be a wolf howl? Worth the effort.

The Friendship Trail

Earl Plato is a Fort Erie resident, local historian and nature lover.

From everything Pokemon to barns and silos

Amy Roebuck

Do you wan't to be the very best, like no one ever was?

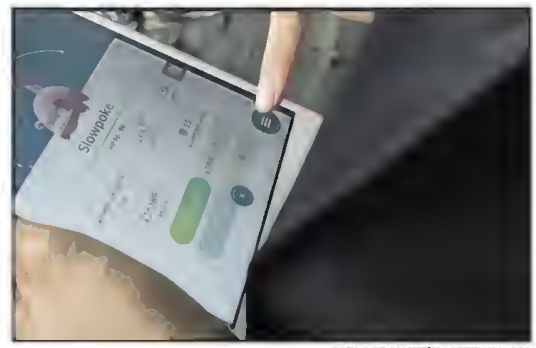
The Fort Erie Public Library is having a Pokemon Party on Monday, Sept. 19 at 4:30 p.m. at the Centennial branch. You can be the very best while you make Pokemon buttons, play Pokemon collecting games, and compete for the title of master trainer with a few rounds of Pokemon trivia.

Come dressed up as your favourite Pokemon or Pokemon trainer and you might win a special prize. This free event is geared for young people age seven and older. The library collection now includes lots of new Pokemon DVDs. You can ask in person, or visit the library website www.fepl.ca and type pokemon in the search bar. If your card is handy, you can place a hold on any of the items and pick them up at the branch nearest you.

Free tech help is available for adults on a drop-in basis at the Centennial branch. On Tuesday, Sept. 20, beginning at 2 p.m., bring your own e-reader, mobile device and/or laptop. Systems administrator Michael Schell will be available to answer your questions, including troubleshooting or training.

If you are interested in the rural heritage of our area, or you are a photography buff, you will want to be at the Crystal Ridge branch on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. for a partnership program with the Bertie Historical Society. Terri Hobbs has taken many pictures of local barns and silos, and she invites the public to help her tell the stories of these fast disappearing landmarks.

Our story times for ages one-and-a-half and up begin next week, on Sept. 20 at the Centennial branch and on Sept. 21 at Crystal Ridge. Little ones can sing, hear stories, do crafts and dances that all help them get ready to read, in drop-in sessions that begin at 10:30 a.m. No registration or fee is required.



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Woman plays Pokemon Go.

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The forbidden fruit: the apple

The original sinful fruit is the common apple and is now the fruit most eaten around the world.

In gold rush times a bushel of apples could fetch up to $100 due to their durability and versatility. That's like way over $2000 in today's money.

The tart little crabapple is the only apple native to North America though 7,500 varieties are grown around the world.

Harish Patel from Viniki Farms in Niagara-on-the-Lake grows 18 varieties out of the 20 commercially grown apples in Ontario. Some of those varieties are available at the Bridgeburg Rustic Farmers' Market, including Ginger Gold, Green Crisp and Golden Delicious, Sweet and Juicy, the bright red Macintosh, Northern Spy, Gala, Cortland, Fuji, Pink Lady, Jersey Mac, and Mutsu. Just to name a few.

Then when the weather cools, there's apple cider. There is nothing more comforting in cold weather than hot apple cider with cinnamon and cloves. Harish likes to use Mutsu and Fuji's in his cider — super sweet!

Some of the best apples for pies are Honey Crisp, Golden Delicious, Cortland, Northern Spy and Gala. Apples for sauce are Golden Delicious, Macintosh, Mutsu, Fuji, Cortland, Golden Delicious. Apples to snack can be any of them, but the red Delicious or Granny Smith are most commonly put in the lunch box. Give these options a try too — Braeburn, Cameo, Cortland, Empire, Fuji, Gala, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith,, Honeycrisp, Jonagold, and McIntosh.

If you make apple jelly choose some apples with red skins so the jelly goes pink just like Elsie's Apple Pie jelly, and yes, it does taste just like apple pie.

Stop at the Bridgeburg Rustic Farmers' market this week and pick up some aged cheddar from Vince's Euro Deli to go with those apples and that apple pie you're going to make or purchase at the market on the weekend.

Don't forget to keep those apples in the fridge. Apples ripen 10 times faster at room temperature.

Supplied Photo.

Knee injuries common among pets

PETS from page 6

Risk factors to dogs for damaging this cruciate ligament include being overweight and out of condition. These, of course, are risk factors for humans as well. A lean body mass is necessary to maintain good internal health as well as healthy muscles and joints. To reduce the chance of stifle injury, it is important to exercise your dog regularly every day and avoid sudden excessive activity.

Breed is also a risk factor with large breed dogs more susceptible than smaller breeds. A cruciate tear in a cat is rare, possibly due to the fact cats are not as active but when I do see one it is usually on an overweight cat.

The cranial cruciate ligament also undergoes degeneration with age. Partial tears can occur, causing mild lameness that can resolve, only to recur more severely a few months later with complete tearing of the ligament. This disease process is accompanied with arthritic changes. Most human cruciate tears are more sudden due to an athletic injury.

If a cruciate tear occurs, your dog will become suddenly lame, using the affected to leg only to balance. You will notice your dog has great difficulty getting up from a laying position, climbing stairs or getting into the car. It hurts to bear weight and move the joint and you may feel swelling and heat on the inside of the joint.

This is the time to take your dog to your veterinarian for an exam. Your veterinarian will watch how your dog walks and uses each limb, then examine the affected leg. There are some very specific manipulations (movements of the joint) by the veterinarian that can suggest a cranial cruciate ligament tear. Often sedation is needed to prevent added pain to your dog and to get good relaxation for these manipulations. X-rays are also often taken of the joint. Although the ligament is not visible on the X-ray, there are associated changes to the joint such as effusion (fluid accumulation in the joint) and arthritis. This helps to determine severity of the injury and predict healing success. The X-rays are also important as an aid to rule out any other reasons that may be causing the lameness.

Surgical repair of the torn ligament is the treatment of choice. Unlike humans where a graft is used to replace the ligament, repair in the dog requires a realignment of the top of the tibia. There are two very good techniques available: the "tibial plateau leveling osteotomy" (TPLO) and the "tibial tuberosity advancement" (TTA). Some smaller breeds can have the area strengthened with a suture technique that is less difficult and less expensive. Surgery allows an 85 to 90 per cent return to function and will slow the progression of any present or future arthritis.

After-care at home is very important as well. The surgeon will advise on the amount of exercise restriction that is necessary and some physiotherapy exercises. The healing process will take three to four months. If our dog is overweight then weight loss will improve the success rate for good return to function. Your dog will also be on some medication for several weeks to help the healing process and take care of pain.

So enjoy this gorgeous weather and get out there for a walk with your dog. If you keep your dog in a good weight range with proper diet and exercise, you will reduce the chance of a knee injury. And walking your dog helps keep you in better shape, too.

Ron Mergl is a veterinarian with a practice in Niagara Falls.

Graphic Dog Dishes from the HomeSense Savvy Paws Collection reflect that today's stylish dogs are eating as health-consciously as their owners and they deserve dishes equally as swanky as the rest of the home's decor: $3.99-$9.99 at HomeSense.

SUBMITTED PHOTO/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES

TASC is inviting the community to an open house planned for Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Crystal Ridge Community Centre to learn more about its upcoming production of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. Pictured here is the cast of last year'SWs production of Viva Las Vegas.

Willy Wonka takes the stage

Special to the Fort Erie Times

Therapy and Alternatives for Special Children and Adults with Disabilities is holding an open house on Wednesday Sept. 21 at the Crystal Ridge Community Centre at 6:30 p.m.

New and former members are invited to attend and discover a myriad of opportunities in the world of performance.

TASC is a non-profit organization based in Ridgeway that has been offering innovative recreational and therapeutic opportunities for individuals with special needs since 1998.

Each year, its members put on a performance for the community as part of its drama and music program. Past productions include Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Peter Pan, The Time Warp, A night at the Movies, Spamalot and Viva Las Vegas.

In tribute to the late Gene Wilder, TASC Niagara will perform "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory for its 2016-2017 season.

TASC is in need of performers and volunteers to assist and support behind the scenes and help with costumes, props and sets. High school students can earn community service hours required for graduation.

As Willy Wonka said: "There is no life I know to compare with pure imagination."

The show, which includes dinner, will be held April 28 and 29 at the Crystal Ridge Community Centre. Tickets will become available in January 2017.

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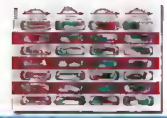

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Health Corner

Straighter Teeth for Adults

What I have noticed over the years, that more and more adults over 30, 40 or even 50 are seeking ways to correct their crooked teeth. However, I often encounter a number of patients who wish their teeth were straighter but never asked their dentists about how to correct them because "well, braces are only for kids."

It is true that our children come first in terms of correcting their crooked teeth. They are growing and they are precious to us so we would do everything we can do for them. Yes, majority of orthodontic patients are teenagers. However due to recent development in orthodontic technique, many adults are now starting to look at orthodontic options for their smiles. So what options are out there?

Invisalign

This is probably the most well-known way to correct crowding thanks to the company's marketing strategy. It is a very efficient technique and a very popular one. Patients simply wear series of computer generated clear "invisible" trays to successively correct the crowding. However it is not for everyone and very good option if you cannot wear braces and you have mild crowding or spacing.

Dr. John Inigo

6 Month Smiles

Although not well known, 6 month smiles offer a technique to correct crowding or spacing on average within 6 months. You start the braces now and by the time you need to get your teeth checked by your dentist you will have straight teeth. With use of white wires and teeth-colored brackets, the braces are not as noticeable as metal braces. However, this technique is not for everyone although most people will benefit from it.

Regular Braces

Sometimes, doing conventional braces is the only option for patients. These often take longer than other two technique, conventional braces are the ideal and gold-standard way to correct your crowding. If you have time and are not too concerned about wearing braces, I recommend this to everyone first before they decide on Invisalign or 6 month smiles.

Your dentist and orthodontist can help you decide what is best for you. Just remember you don't have to live with crooked teeth just because you are an adult.

Dr. John Inigo is a practicing general dentist in Fort Erie and Ridgeway, ON. He can be reached at Inigo Bertie Dentistry, 905.871.2903 or Inigo Ridgeway Dentistry, 905.894. 5555. For further information and discussion, please visit his office at www.inigodentistry.com.

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Region closer to landing airports

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Despite concerns from some councillors that the concept of two regional airports will not fly, Niagara Region has taken the next step to adopt responsibility for the facilities.

The regional public works committee approved in principle last Tuesday taking on operations and governance of Niagara District Airport in Niagara-on-the-Lake and Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport in Pelham.

If approval is received by council on Sept. 15, regional staff will proceed with detailed negotiations with the current funding municipalities and a transition plan will be developed.

NDA is supported by Niagara Falls, St. Catbarines and Niagara-on-the-Lake, while NCDRA is funded by Welland, Pelham, Port Colborne and Wainfleet.

In July, the regional transportation steering committee put its support behind transitioning responsibility of the airports, despite a staff recommendation aimed in another direction.

Wayne Redekop

Staff recommended a joint governance model be implemented at the NDA between the Region and funding municipalities, and that the municipal funding model remain as is for NCDRA due to the facility's limited ability to advance council's strategic priorities.

Fort Erie Mayor Wayne Redekop feels there is "delicious irony" in the fact that a little over a year ago council determined it did not want to take over inter-municipal transit, as the Region did not have the expertise to manage the system and had fears of runaway costs.

Niagara Region Chair Alan Caslin

"OK, so let's not take over a bus service. Let's take over two airports," he said, while expressing bis opposition.

Instead of putting its resources behind an initiative like transit that "really has potential to bring Niagara together," the focus has turned to air service, he said. "We're now like fish in a pond distracted by a shiny lure."

BOB TYMCZYSZYN/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

Niagara District Airport in Niagara-On-The-Lake.

Redekop said he had difficulty understanding how taking two airports, neither of whicb are turning a profit, and making them regional would result in a positive business case.

"This initiative makes no sense from a political perspective, from an economic perspective, from a sustainability perspective, a practicality perspective or a policy perspective."

Transportation of all kinds — rail, road, air and water — are necessary to see increased prosperity in Niagara, Regional Chairman Alan Caslin said.

He asked that councillors "step back and look at the larger picture" of the airport's potential to improve the region's competitive position.

Niagara was one of 10 communities in Ontario considered by the Greater Toronto Airports Authority to help relieve heavy traffic at Pearson International and Toronto Island airports.

"They said to us, 'anyone who wants to pick up traffic, it's there for you to take,'" Caslin said of the GTAA, adding this is a chance to investigate those opportunities further.

"We know transportation has a cost."

Glen Cowan, the Region's associate director of finance consulting and special projects, said the airports are expected to continue losing money.

"We are projecting a cost going forward at the airports," he said, calling that projection "consistent" with other municipal airports. "You won't see a net profit directly as the owner of the airport."

Cowan previously estimated annual operating and capital costs for NDA at $1.35 million and $810,000 for NCDRA. However, those projections can vary widely depending on various services that could potentially be offered at the airports, he said.

St. Catharines Coun. Andy Petrowski called it a "hysterical proposition" that Niagara will become "some sort of international economic engine" by transferring ownership of the airports to the Region.

He said he has not heard of any economic boom hitting Kitchener or Peterborough thanks to their airports, and he suspects that trend will continue in Niagara.

Welland Mayor Frank Campion believes the airports play a crucial role in the region's economy.

When negotiations were underway to bring the new GE plant to the Rose City, questions about access to local air service were prominent, he said.

Businesses often want to know what services are available to move people and product around, which can make all the difference in where tbose dollars are invested, he added.

Niagara Falls Mayor Jim Diodati said each time he meets with an international group, the first questions he's asked often revolve around local airports.

Andy Petrowski

The facilities are on the minds of "every major corporation," he said, adding they are assets Niagara needs to have.

The municipalities will still be funding the airports, just through a different portion of the tax bill, he said.

"We've still got skin in the game, it's just a different model ... We're going to go after the big fish instead of the minnows."

Diodati said the federal government has also indicated it will be easier for the Region to gain upper-tier funding for the airports than if municipalities were to apply for grants on their own.

If approved, airport negotiations are expected to take place in 2017 with an agreement in place by the following year.

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NOTICE OF PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW

APPLICANT: 1591709 ONTARIO INC. (KAREN MINHAS) FILE NO. 350309-0413

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed **By-law No. 104-2016** on the 12th day of September, 2016 under section 34 (18) of The Planning Act, 1990.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie not later than the **5th day of October, 2016,** a notice of the appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection. Any appeal must be accompanied by the Board's fee of $300.00. A certified cheque or money order in this amount made payable to the Minister of Finance must accompany the Notice of Appeal.

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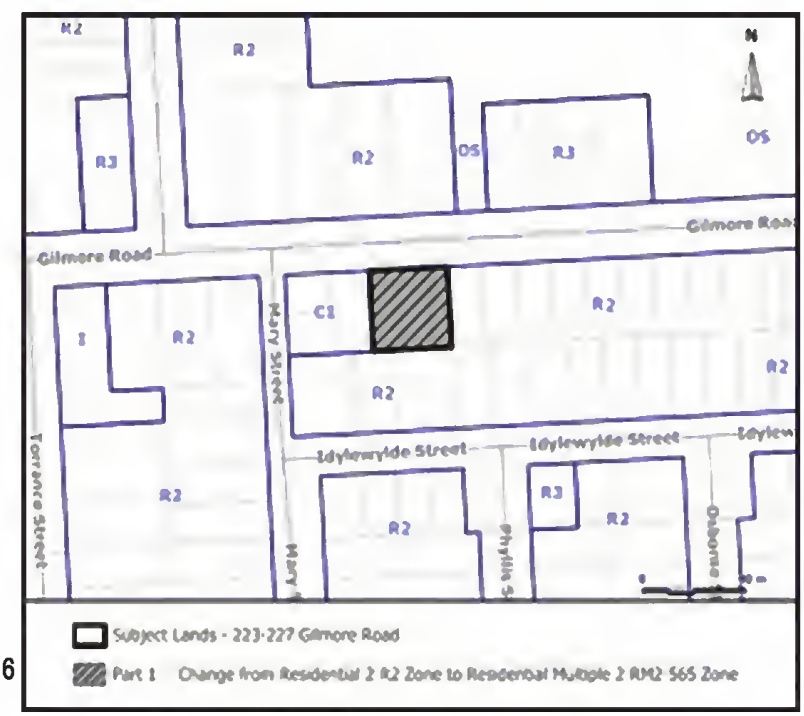
The complete By-law and map is available for inspection in the Clerk's office during regular office hours and can also be found on the **Town of Fort Erie Website: www.forterie.ca.**

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose and effect of By-law No. 104-2016 is to amend Town of Fort Erie Comprehensive Zoning By-law No. 129-90 by changing the zoning of the lands shown on the location map below from "Residential 2 (R2)" Zone to "Residential Multiple 2 (RM2-565)" Zone.

"Residential Multiple 2 RM2-564 Zone"

- Minimum front yard – 0.41metres
- Minimum interior side yard – 1.73 metres
- Minimum landscaped area – 4%
- Minimum dwelling unit floor area – 39 square metres
- No driving lane shall be closer than 0 metres to any lot line abutting any Residential Zone
- No parking area shall be closer than 0 metres to any lot line abutting any Residential Zone
- Minimum front yard setback to steps – 0 metres
- Minimum interior side yard setback to steps – 0.5 metres



DATED AT THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE THIS 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016

LAURA BUBANKO, MANAGER, LEGISLATIVE SERVICES/CLERK

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APPLICANT: BRODERICK AND PARTNERS FILE NO. 350309-0408
OWNER: 1931082 ONTARIO INC. (FRANK DICOSIMO)

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed **By-law No. 105-2016** on the 12th day of September, 2016 under section 34 (18) of The Planning Act, 1990.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

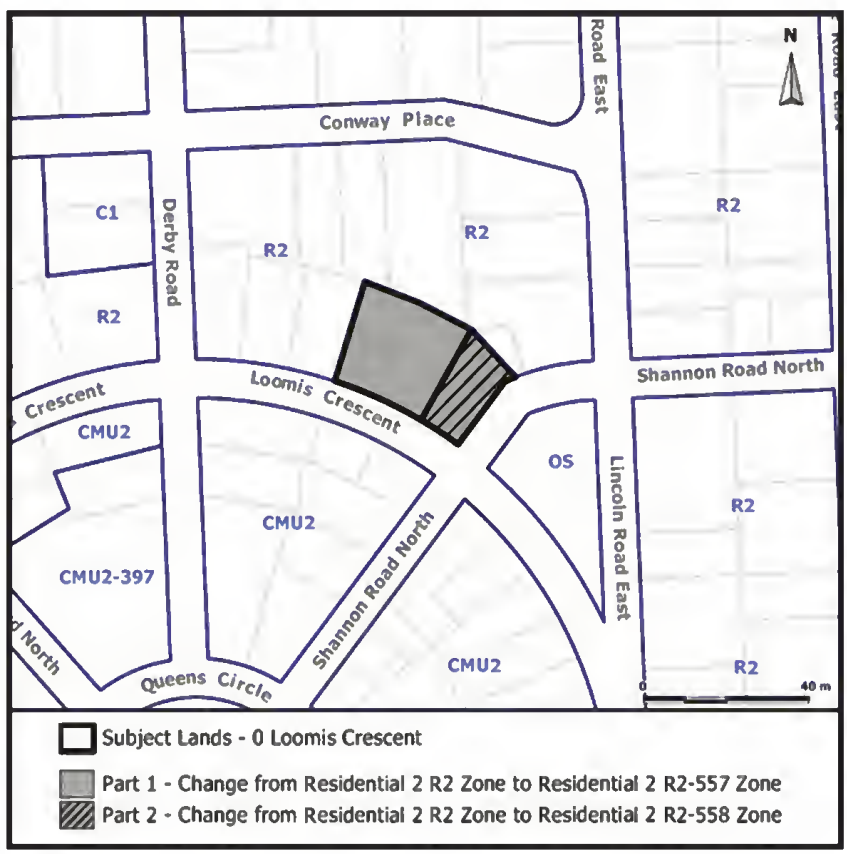
The purpose and effect of By-law No. 105-2016 is to amend Town of Fort Erie Comprehensive Zoning By-law No. 129-90 by changing the zoning of the lands shown on the location map from "Residential 2 (R2)" Zone to "Residential 2 (R2-557)" Zone for Part 1 and to "Residential 2 (R2-558)" Zone for Part 2.

"Residential 2 R2-557 Zone"

- Minimum lot frontage – 11.4 metres
- Minimum lot area – 306 square metres
- Minimum front yard setback – 3.9 metres to porch and 6.0 metres to front face of dwelling.
- Minimum rear yard setback – 5.83 metres
- Maximum lot coverage – 35%

"Residential 2 R2-558 Zone"

- Minimum lot frontage – 11.6 metres
- Minimum lot area – 279 square metres
- Minimum front yard setback – 3.9 metres to porch and 6.0 metres to front face of dwelling.
- Minimum rear yard setback – 4.5 metres



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Brief

Concert to support animal sanctuary

Get ready to rock.

Proceeds from the Second annual Rock the Barn at Blueberry Hill, planned for Sept. 18 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., will support The Last Chance Horse and Pony Rescue and Sanctuary in Ridgeway.

The concert, which will be held at Blueberry Hill Farm, at 4621 Michener Rd., will feature artists such as Spencer MacKenzie, Mary Lou Minor, and Jim Yorfido.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

HOUSEKEEPING ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT
APPLICATION 350309

DATE: September 22, 2016
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: MUNICIPAL TOWN HALL ATRIUM

NATURE OF AMENDMENT

The **Town of Fort Erie** has initiated an Amendment to the Zoning By-law to consider certain minor changes to the Zoning By-law No. 129-90, clarify definitions and general provisions and remove inconsistencies/redundancies within the By-law.

WHAT THIS AMENDMENT WILL CHANGE:

Interpretation
- Add that the boundary of the Environmental Conservation Overlay be interpreted by Council approved recommendation of the Environmental Advisory Committee

Definitions
- Modify "public storage" definition
- Modify "structure" definition
- Add definition for "event parking"
- Modify definition for "infill lot"
- Modify definition of "attached"

General Provisions
- Accessory structures
- New development adjacent to agricultural zone
- Parking
- Prohibited uses
- Swimming pools
- Temporary uses
- Covered or uncovered porches, balconies, steps and patios
- Dwelling setbacks in certain zones

Agricultural and Rural Zones
- Remove requirement for setback of accessory structure from dwelling
- Remove second RU-219 exception

Residential 1 and Residential 2 Zones
- Clerical modifications to exceptions sections

Waterfront Rural Residential WRR Zone (in Point Abino Area)
- Clarification that development is subject to approval of Environmental Advisory Committee

Highway Commercial C3 Zone
- Add day nursery as permitted use

Core Mixed Use 4 Zone
- Modify minimum residential floor area provision

Mapping
- Removal of the Environmental Conservation overlay from certain properties which have been deemed appropriate to develop by the Town's Environmental Advisory Committee
- Removal of Environmental Protection and Environmental Conservation Zoning from subdivisions that were Draft Approved prior to the passage of the Official Plan, in accordance with Official Plan policy
- Removal of Environmental Protection zoning from lots on Bertie Street, in accordance with commitments made by the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority
- Rezone lands owned by the Niagara Parks Commission located outside of the urban area from Open Space to Existing Open Space

Clerical, Stenographic and Typographic Changes to Mapping and Text

GETTING MORE INFORMATION

Commenting on the proposed amendments is encouraged. You can provide input by calling or writing the Town. You are also invited to attend the meeting to speak with staff.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Or by e-mailing your comments to: mkernahan@forterie.on.ca

FUTURE NOTICE REQUESTS

This Public Information Open House is being conducted to allow public and stakeholders with an opportunity to meet with Town Planning staff prior to the formal legislative meeting in front of Council.

A statutory Public Meeting required under the Planning Act will be scheduled for October 3, 2015.

If you wish to receive further notice of the future recommendation report to Council, you are requested to provide your name and a current e-mail address or mailing address where the Notice is to be sent.

Please use the contact information above to notify Matt Kernahan of the preferred notice option. Staff would kindly request you consider e-mail delivery as preferred choice.

Rising hydro rates could hurt families

SARAH FERGUSON
Fort Erie Times

Fort Erie regional councillor Sandy Annunziata said he's fed up with the high electricity bills Niagara home owners are paying for.

Canadian Niagara Power has applied to change its electricity distribution rates, which may impact customers' bills for the next five years, starting January 2017.

That's why he's issued an online survey, asking residents how they feel about hydro rates. The survey can be found at www.surveymonkey.com/r/TQZWDS5.

The survey asks residents if they feel current hydro rates in Ontario are affordable, what they think about the possibility of another hydro rate increase, and who is to blame for the current rate increase proposal.

"I really wanted to craft a very unbiased survey that was very easy for Niagara residents to respond to. There are three simple questions to gauge what people think. I wanted to know if people were as outraged as I am," Annunziata said.

"Overwhelmingly, the response so far speaks to the unaffordability of another rate increase." The Ontario Energy Board held a public meeting Tuesday at the Vale Health and Wellness Centre in Port Colborne to gather public input about the proposed increase.

Annunziata said Niagara residents can't afford another hydro rate increase.

"I can tell you, when I first became a homeowner, and for a decade after that, my bills were almost always static, costing between $60 to $100 per month. Now, it's incredible. It's getting to the $150, $200 and $300 mark," he said.

"It's absolutely ridiculous that people have to stay up to midnight to 2 a.m. to do laundry during off-peak hours to save some money. Those are not practical ideas to help people save money."

Annunziata said he plans to share the results of his survey with the community and political leaders.

"I'm going to advocate the best I can (for lower hydro rates)," he said.

MPP Wayne Gates said rising hydro rates have been an issue for a long time, and are hurting families, seniors, and businesses.

In some cases, families "have to choose between buying food, prescription medication, or paying their bills," he said.

"It's a huge issue in my riding. We've had people come into our office to talk about it. We've been asking people to drop their bills off at our office so that I can present them to the minister of energy," Gates said.

He encourages residents to include a personal letter with their bills explaining how hydro rates have affected their day-to-day lives.

Gates said he continues to communicate to the provincial government that hydro rates are unacceptable.

"In our riding, according to the Ontario Energy Board, there are nearly 600 hydro bills that had an outstanding balance at the end of 2015. I don't think you need any more proof to display how the sky-rocketing cost of hydro is making life unaffordable for families in our community."

Gates said the solution to lowering hydro costs includes scrapping the HST on hydro bills by removing the provincial portion, which would save consumers about eight per cent, or $120 per year.

Gates is asking residents to sign an online petition calling on the province to immediately stop the sale of Hydro One and offer families relief by implementing a plan that will lower hydro rates.

The petition can be found online at http://waynegates.com/petitions-4/.

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1. **2016 STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE**
   CONTRACT # ISE-16T-36000
   The 2016 Street Lighting Maintenance Contract will consist of general maintenance of street lighting infrastructure within the Town of Fort Erie.

2. **STEVENSVILLE ROAD SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION**
   CONTRACT # ISE-16T-SRSE16
   The Stevensville Road Sanitary Sewer Extension project will consist of providing a 211m extension of sanitary sewer on Stevensville Road.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Sealed tenders addressed to Laura Bubanko, Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk, will be received by the Customer Service Unit at Town Hall (1 Municipal Centre Drive) until **2 p.m. on Wednesday, September 28, 2016.**

All formal competitive bid opportunities are posted at **www.biddingo.com/forterie** and effective **September 14th, 2016**, tender documents can either be purchased from the Town Hall, Infrastructure Services, upon payment of $28.25 or viewed at the Niagara Construction Association Offices located at 34 Scott Street, St. Catharines, Ontario.

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all tenders, and the lowest of any tender will not necessarily be accepted. For further information, please contact Sara Fox, Purchasing and Finance Clerk at **sfox@forterie.ca** or (905)871-1600 ext. 2321.

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Sealed proposals clearly marked as to contents will be received by Sara Fox, Purchasing and Finance Clerk, Municipal Centre, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario, **until 2:00 p.m. local time on:**

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Police board irked by Uber

BILL SAWCHUK
Postmedia Network

After all the work that went into crafting a bylaw to deal with ride-hailing giant Uber, members of the Niagara Police Services Board were chagrined to learn the company hasn't fulfilled its end of the bargain.

The board passed a bylaw allowing Uber to operate legally in Niagara, starting July 1.

"I want this enforced immediately," police board chairman Bob Gale told a police services board meeting. "I've lost patience with them. The taxi drivers have to pay first before they start operating."

Uber Canada spokeswoman Susie Heath said Monday the company is "working closely" with Niagara police to resolve the situation — as they are with staff in cities such as Toronto and Ottawa, both of which recently passed bylaws.

Gale said he was expecting a report from the police service Tuesday.

Uber originally moved into the Niagara market illegally in November 2015, ignoring the regulations.

In the following months, the police board held public meetings and had staff working overtime to come up with a made-in-Niagara solution to the thorny issue, which at the time enraged taxi drivers who had paid licensing fees.

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CP PHOTO

The Uber logo is seen in front of protesting taxi driversin this file photo from Montreal.

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Sharing resources opens up new opportunities at United Way

When you're on a shoestring budget, every dollar and resource is precious. Not one cent can be squandered. That's why the United Way of Niagara Falls and Greater Fort Erie (UWNFGFE) and United Way South Niagara (UWSN) are now strategically partnering on nearly every aspect of their operations.

With only four full-time staff between UWNFGFE and UWSN offices, being strategic is important to continued and future success. It makes good business sense for us to share resources, collaborate and adopt best practices together in an effort to stretch donor dollars further, explained Dave Teutenberg, UWNFGFE board president.

"The core of United Way's goals and activities across Niagara, the province and the country are similar. Why reinvent the wheel? Conducting our campaign and community activities jointly and streamlining our work allows us to focus on what is important in the community – leveraging donors' dollars and investing in programs and services," shared Tamara Coleman-Lawrie, executive director of UWSN.

The two local United Ways are proud of and excited about the future of their work together. "We are reducing the time spent on producing similar documents, policy development, community advocacy and general administration. Our staff is collaborating together on campaign related activities, events, communications and marketing. And we are enthused to be launching a joint website for our community and those we serve," explained Carol Stewart-Kirkby, executive director of UWNFGFE.

Both the UWNFGFE and UWSN board of directors are supportive of the collaborative work being led by the two local United Ways and their staff. "We try to raise as much money as we can and allocate it in the best way possible so that it impacts the most people. If we want to do the best job possible in allocating those dollars to the people who need it the most, we shouldn't be stepping over each other to do it. When we work together, local organizations also benefit. Agencies are able to deal with one process and are able to focus their energy on helping people who need their services," Teutenberg added.

"Relationships are a key element to the success of any business and that remains true for United Way. Many of our corporate donors operate regionally as well. This newfound partnership reduces duplication of engagement with our corporate donors and improves our relationships. By strategically collaborating with each other, our two United Ways are able to establish, nurture and build on those relationships at a greater rate. And by sharing resources, we have the ability to get out in the community more often and to more potential contributors," said Dave Hawkins, board president of United Way South Niagara.

It's a win-win-win for everyone involved; United Way, our donors and volunteers as well as the community. We invite you to join us on this new journey, Hawkins added.

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One donation changes lives across Niagara

When David D'Angelo first became involved with the United Way, he couldn't believe how many lives are changed, thanks to donations.

From the first event he attended, he was hooked on the stories of clients of funded agencies, providing services for everyone from victims in crisis to young mothers to those in need of mental health counseling, emergency shelter and mentoring.

"They help so many different people facing different challenges, from mental health to poverty. The whole purpose of the United Way is to fund different charities," many of which wouldn't exist without that support, he said. "The funds we're raising are going right to our Niagara community. Everyone faces challenges at some point in their life...helping with that gives me a sense of community," D'Angelo added.

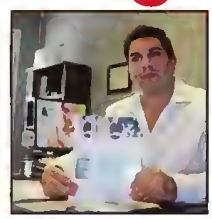
D'Angelo's love for the region stems from his youth, which was spent in South Niagara. Today, his loyalty hasn't waned – he's president of Trivium Industries Inc., a Welland company that produces 100% organic, compostable and biodegradable containers and bottles. He chose to locate his company in Welland and employ local workers because he knew about Niagara's employment challenges, and wanted to benefit the community.

"I think United Way offers a great avenue for that," he said. "From day one, one of my goals was to make a positive difference in our community. If we all work together in making positive change, we'll start to see big results."

It's rewarding to work with a United Way team who "works very hard to push the campaign to the highest level possible," he said, adding one of his personal goals is to get more people involved as donors and volunteers.

Opportunities for involvement don't end at donating – the United Way is always looking for sponsors and volunteers to help run its events, such as dodge ball and golf tournaments. As a small startup, Trivium partners with neighbouring companies to host joint barbeques.

D'Angelo urges people to donate online, individually or by starting or contributing to a workplace campaign, as the United Way needs to raise more funds to help many under-funded organizations.



United Way campaign chair David D'Angelo poses with a pamphlet for the organization. D'Angelo is heading the 2016 campaigns of United Way South Niagara and United Way of Niagara Falls and Greater Fort Erie.

"We are raising a good amount of money, but we actually need more money to fund all the different organizations at the level needed. We want to make incremental gains each year," he added.

For more information about contributing to United Way, visit unitedwayniagara.org.

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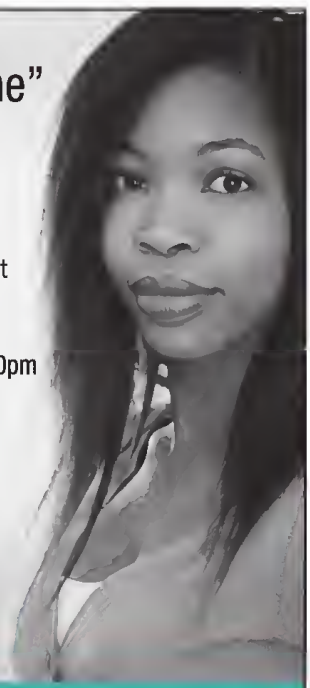

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How your donations are invested

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The United Way has decades of experience in creating positive community change through fundraising; investing funds in local organizations that deliver programs and services that create the most impact; and driving collaboration. Across Canada, the organization's focus areas include All That Kids Can Be; Healthy People, Strong Communities; and From Poverty to Possibility.

John Wink, a past board member at United Way South Niagara and volunteer on the organization's community investment committee, offers his perspective on how donations are invested.

"Every agency runs on a shoe string budget. The unfortunate part is that the need is much greater than what we're able to fund," he said, adding many don't realize the scope of programs and services the United Way funds, and that residents often use services of funded agencies located across the region.

Serving on the community investment committee has allowed him to see first-hand how agencies' services help people in need, from at-risk youth to homeless families and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Organizations such as Women's Place of South Niagara, Niagara Regional Sexual Assault Centre and Strive Niagara (which assists young families pursuing an education by providing child-care and other supports) "are just remarkable in what they do," Wink said. These agencies are a few of many – United Way South Niagara notes in its 2015 Annual Report that it received requests to fund 44 programs from 21 different organizations. Of those, 34 programs and 18 organizations received funding.

Every agency requesting United Way funding completes an application along with supporting documents like a list of the board of directors and program brochures. The community investment committee reviews applications to ensure every dollar donated is used as efficiently as possible by closely reviewing financial statements of agencies applying for funding, and visiting them to see programs in action. A similar committee does the same work on behalf of the United Way of Niagara Falls and Greater Fort Erie. Because so many in our community are in dire need, those agencies' services are vital and require continued funding to operate, explained Wink. "People don't realize you or someone in your family might need those services. Let's give. These agencies are all great, and they're all deserving of funding."

Ruthann Brown, executive director of Women's Place of South Niagara and John Wink, a past board member at United Way South Niagara, review United Way's Annual Report for 2015.

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Where the Money Goes

United Way Funded Programs for 2016
Money invested to deliver service to residents

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Autism Ontario - Niagara Chapter	$12,915
Bethlehem Housing and Support Services	$23,640
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Niagara Falls	$106,090
Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Niagara	$102,258
Boys and Girls Club of Niagara	$77,922
Canadian Mental Health Association	$75,285
Canadian National Institute for the Blind	$16,447
Community Living Port Colborne-Wainfleet	$22,000
Distress Centre of Niagara	$43,400
Epilepsy Niagara	$24,830
Family Counselling Centre	$102,475
Family Mental Health Support Network	$9,915
Fort Erie Multicultural Centre	$7,182
Hope Centre	$64,000
INCommunities (211)	$9,725
Learning Disabilites Association of Niagara	$69,596
Meals-on-Wheels, Niagara Falls	$13,013
Meals-on-Wheels, Port Colborne/Wainfleet	$14,000
Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada	$13,419
Niagara Centre for Independent Living	$6,445
Niagara Nutrition Partners - South	$17,415
Niagara Regional Sexual Assault Centre	$10,000
Port Cares	$61,000
Positive Living Niagara	$16,575
St. John Ambulance	$2,500
Strive Niagara	$20,402
Victim Services Niagara	$2,400
Women's Place of South Niagara	$69,564
YWCA Niagara Region	$111,897
TOTAL	**$1,133,810**
Total UW Funded Programs	$1,133,810
Pledged through the United Way to other Canadian Registered Charities	$160,039
Special Project Funding (one time - local initiatives)	$71,000
Total amount invested in our community	**$1,364,849**
Uncollectible pledges, estimated	$54,539
Special event expenses, estimated for 2016-2017	$70,000
Cost of running the United Way, budget for 2016-2017	$344,586
Total	**$1,833,974**

United Way
Niagara Falls and Greater Fort Erie

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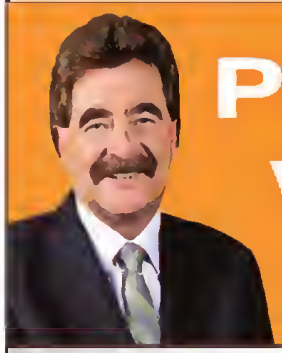

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Taking the journey from poverty to possibility

Carolyn Webb says anyone can face unexpected struggles. United Way funded agencies helped her get back on her feet.

Poverty can happen to anyone, and United Way is there to help those in need. That's the message Carolyn Webb carries with her every day, as an ambassador and volunteer who uses her voice to speak to those who are just finding theirs.

For years before she used the services of a funded agency, Webb had supported United Way through workplace campaign donations when she lived in Durham and worked at General Motors.

The day came when she found herself in need due to being trapped in an abusive relationship for almost 10 years. Webb's home life was spiraling progressively out of control, and she realized she needed help. "It got to the point where the abuse was so bad...he was addicted to crack. I had no idea (because he) covered it up," she said. "He isolated me from my family and friends and took over the finances, which led to us losing our home. That is when I relied on United Way's funded agencies."

Webb got the help she needed through United Way's agencies to start rebuilding her life by accessing shelters, employment assistance and other support services. Family members also helped her get back on her feet. Eventually, she got a part-time job and was able to start catching up on her bills, but "without the help of those agencies, I wouldn't be where I am today," she said.

These days, Webb lives in St. Catharines and gives back to her community by volunteering on the United Way's steering committee and at YWCA Niagara Region, speaking to groups about her experience. She has also shared her story at United Way campaign events in an effort to raise awareness of domestic violence and the agencies that help people in need.

"The hardest part is asking for the help," she said, adding she always tells the women she speaks to, "you've made it here. You've done the hardest part...other people are going through what you've gone through. This can happen to anyone."

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Niagara advances in Canada Games bid process

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The Niagara bid group has learned it has made the shortlist to host the 2021 Canada Summer Games.

The Canada Games Council's (CGC) board of directors recommended all four communities bidding for the games advance to the next level of reviews.

"Now we can put the financials to it — marketing, sponsorship, ticket sales — and prepare a more comprehensive budget," said Doug Hamilton, chairman of the 2021 Niagara bid group. "We have had it conceptually. They will want to see the details and the cost and make some hard decisions on what stays in and what stays out.

"It is really a once-in-a-lifetime event. It only comes around every 20 to 25 years for a province to bost. This isn't an event we can go out again and bid on in four or five years if we aren't successful. The next would likely be 2041."

Also bidding are Ottawa, Sudbury and the combined bid of Kitchener, Waterloo, Cambridge and Guelph.

As part of that process, the bid committees will develop and submit a Comprehensive Host Community Bid Proposal. The deadline for that is Jan. 31.

The final selection is expected in late March or early April 2017.

"It is real now; we are one of four finalists," said Bram Cotton, the CEO of the Niagara Sport Commission. "As of today, there is a one in four chance that 5,000 athletes competing in 17 sports will be headed to Niagara in four years."

Hosting the games is likely a $50-million project, with guaranteed money from the federal and provincial governments both for operations and facilities, he said.

The operating budget for a typical Canada Summer Games is in the $30-million range, Hamilton said. The capital budget varies depending on the facilities available in the communities, but it has been in the $20-million range.

"From a capital facilities perspective, we are in an excellent position to meet the minimum requirements," he said. "Having said that, we would like to surpass the minimum and add some legacy facilities. The plan includes a stadium up at Brock. It would seat about 3,500 permanent seats and as an outdoor stadium, it would be expandable with temporary seating.

"Besides that, we would like to see a 'sport-and-ability' centre that would include training facilities for a number of different sports. It's not specifically needed for the games, but we would see it as something the community really needs."

Matt Hill, director of sports and venues for the Niagara bid, said five committees have been formed for the bid process responsible for revenue generation, community and leadership, sales and marketing, operations, and a sport committee.

Athletes would stay at Brock University during the games. The Niagara College campuses would split the official and technical staffs.

"The Summer Games are significantly larger than the (women's) world under-18 hockey championships we hosted earlier this year," Cotton said. "The committees are the same. The difference is you have 5,000 athletes, compared to about 400 hockey players."

The Canada Games Council evaluated each venue bidding on the games using five factors. They include whether or not the venue meets the stated minimum standards; whether or not the venue meets the Canada Games distance standard; the ancillary aspects of the venue (seating, change rooms, concessions); the accessibility of the venue and the operational and capital risk associated with using the venue for Canada Games.

"The Tecbnical Review Committee is confident that all four bids possess the technical capabilities to host the 2021 Canada Summer Games, and all should be moved forward to phase two," said Tom Quinn, Canada Games Council chairman. "Ottawa, Niagara, Sudbury and the combined bid of Kitchener, Waterloo, Cambridge and Guelph all demonstrated tremendous enthusiasm toward hosting the 2021 Canada Summer Games."

Ontario previously hosted in 1981 (Thunder Bay) and 2001 (London).

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Bram Cotton, Doug Hamilton and Matt Hill from the Niagara Sport Commission talk about the 2021 Canada Games bid Monday.

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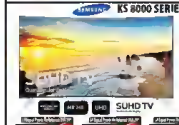

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Family fun centre stage at Niagara Wine Festival

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Niagara Wine Festival continues to pour out family-friendly offerings as the region's fall classic gets underway.

Niagara Inflatables' Grapeland and a special cooking school are among the higblights for the little ones at Montebello Park. Another feature has been added to give the annual Meridian Grande Parade in downtown St. Catharines extra cache for kids.

Meridian Fun Zones offers a special pre-show before the Saturday, Sept. 24 main event parade, with performances, activities and fun for children that folds in entertainment, giveaways, face painting and street art.

Fun Zones take place in front of city hall at the corner of Ontario and St. Paul Streets and Geneva Street at 9:30 a.m., before a lively 11 a.m. parade that annually draws thousands to the core.

"We first started Fun Zones last year, and Meridian has been a great partner as their focus is very community oriented," said Jennifer Anderson, festival events and sponsorship coordinator. "It was their initiative ... to do something prior to the parade to bring a bit more activity to the street and be able to really connect with young families.

"The parade is a tradition that has always been around for young families."

Other key events include the Grape Growers of Ontario celebrity luncheon on Wednesday at Club Roma, with comedian and actor Gerry Dee, plus the Pied Piper Parade and JCI Mayors' Invitational Grape Stomp on Saturday, with a Community Care Harvest Drive.

A host of events, tastings, entertainment and food and wine offerings, and special VIP passes, are featured in the main park, located in downtown St. Catharines.

"At the park, we've added a VIP access gate with unlimited in and out use," said festival director Kimberly Hundertmark. "It offers free-flowing in and out of the park, and access to the Harvest Lounge during the festival."

Meanwhile, on RBC Opening Night also on Saturday, the bank will welcome home Olympian Eric Woelfl, a St. Catharines native who finished 13th overall in the lightweight men's coxless four event, at the recent Summer Olympic Games in Rio.

He will be at the park for a meet-and-greet, with RBC welcoming festival guests and offering games and giveaways.

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JULIE JOCSAK/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

Stacey Mulholland, regional manager of hospitality for Jackson Triggs, Inniskillin and Le Clos Jordanne pours a glass of Inniskillin Reserve Series Brae Blanc for (left) Allison Cubberley and Haleigh Callison. Montebello Park was busy during the first night of the Niagara Wine Festival. The festival kicked off with a performance by Matt Dusk in Montebello Park. Note to festival goers-no chairs are allowed in the park this year.

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Track's a crash course

LAURA BARTON
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Monster trucks rolled out onto the Merrittville Speedway to close out the 2016 season at the Thorold track.

Four of the high-octane crowd pleasers – two standard sized trucks, a medium truck and a mini monster—put on a show Sunday afternoon that featuring jumping over – and crushing – cars, turning doughnuts on oversized wheels and speeding around.

Ryan Como, 24, driver of the monster truck Temperature Rising, said it's all about fun and doing it for the fans.

"The little kids is what we do it for," he said. "They come down once we're doing the autographs and stuff and they're just so happy to be near the trucks, so that's basically what it's all about."

For him, it's a family event as well since both his father and brotber drive monster trucks. He said his dad, Eddie Como, always wanted a truck and when he eventually got one, they all just got involved from there.

One-time dirt bike racer Danika Kingsley, 12, switched rides after meeting Como's 11-year-old brother Jessie.

She just started driving monster trucks this year, but is already having a blast.

"It's nervous at the start but once you get used to it, it's a lot of fun," she said. "Like doing the doughnuts and everything is awesome."

Fans at the Thorold speedway cheered her on as she spun the mini-monster Firestarter around and around in circles. Her goal is to drive one of the big trucks.

Although there wasn't as much room at Merrittvile as they would have liked, the Como family and Danika did their best to put on a show for the audience.

Como said Sunday was a freestyle show, but even when they do have a set routine, it's all out the window by the time they get on the track.

The important thing is keeping up the "wow factor."

The trucks cost anywhere from $25,000 for a small one, such as the mini-monster, to $100,000 for a used full-sized one.

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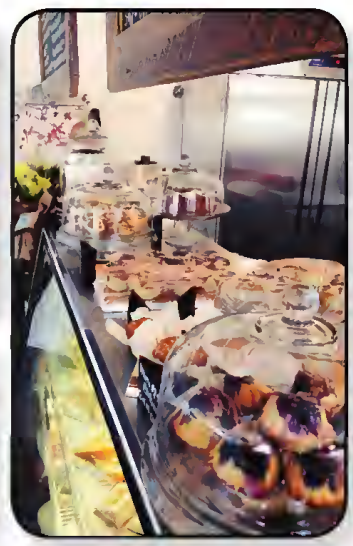

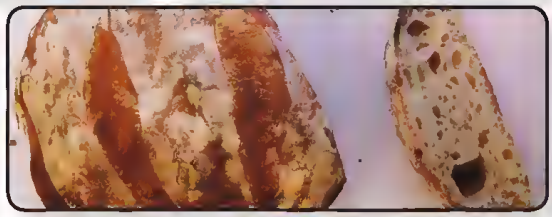

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Badly burned brothers face long recovery

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Two brothers are continuing their long road to recovery after suffering severe burns in a garage fire in January.

Rob Cosentino, 51, and Cesar Cosentino, 53, had been working on a Chevrolet Monte Carlo at 76 Hunter Dr. on Jan. 30 wben a spark from a work light caused gasoline to ignite.

The brothers were badly burned. Rob sustained burns to about 60 per cent of his body.

The brothers were transferred to Sunnybrook Health Science Centre in Toronto, where they remained in induced comas for about four months.

Rosa Cosentino, Rob's wife, said Cesar, who is not married, was in an induced coma for a few more weeks than Rob, but the two men are doing better.

Both are undergoing rehab treatment at St. John's Hospital in Toronto. Rosa said because they were immobile for so long, their muscles became weak. The men are working with specialists so they can improve their walking and talking.

"It was a very emotional reunion when they met for the first time (after waking), but it went well and they are both in great condition ... they remembered everything that happened, so their minds are great and clear," Rosa said.

The two brothers had to undergo about a dozen skin grafts while they were unconscious before doctors could revive them.

Rosa said once the surgeries were completed the brothers slowly started to gain consciousness. She said there were many conversations they don't remember having in the first couple weeks.

Rosa and Rob's two teenaged children have been handling things well while their father and uncle have been in hospital.

Rosa said her son, 18, has started studies at Western University in London and her daughter, 15, is back at Notre Dame College School this year.

"He has done very well ... he's kept up his grades ... teachers came up to me at his graduation saying how proud they are."

Rosa said the past few months have been difficult for her, but she has received a great deal of support from the community and her family. After the fire, she and her children moved in with her parents for a few months before they could find a rental.

Rosa said she doesn't know how long they will be in the rental, though, since the house on Hunter Drive has been demolished.

"Nothing was salvageable. It got demolished to the ground, it's gone," she said. The property is "just sitting there waiting to rebuild."

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Trinity Arsenault will be slathering herself in Lanolin oil and slipping into the English Channel in her attempt to be the youngest Canadian to swim from England to France.

"It's actually a record that hasn't been attempted in 40 years," said the 16-year-old.

The St. Catharines swimmer isn't a stranger to distance, but this is her first swim abroad and in saltwater. She has already conquered two Great Lakes, Erie and Ontario, and hopes to swim the 32-kilometre-wide channel in 10 hours.

"If you're doing something big it should always scare you a little," she said, "and that's when you know you should do it."

She will be swimming freestyle from Dover, England, to Calais, France.

Trinity has been training all year for the swim, including swimming 16 km on her 16th birthday in May. To qualify for the cross, she had to complete a six-hour trial swim in water below 60°F, or 15.5°C.

On the day of her trial, the buoys in Port Dalhousie were reading 17°C.

"We knew we would only have one weekend where we'd be able to do it on Lake Ontario and if for some reason we couldn't do it, we would have to go up north to do it," she said. "I couldn't take a risk that I got in the water and it was anything above 60°F, so we went to Burlington and it was 54°F (12°C). So I did a six-hour swim in 54-degree water, and that's when I knew I was ready to swim the channel."

The Arsenault family also travelled to the Florida Keys for two weeks in March to practise saltwater swimming. They spent hours each day swimming between the islands.

"I didn't know how much I kept my mouth open when I swam until I hopped in salt water," Trinity quipped.

The trip was also for Trinity to get a taste of jellyfish venom.

"You always hear about the jellyfish in the channel and so we went to Florida, and my mom's like, 'You're getting stung by some jellyfish,' and I'm like, 'OK, where are they?'" said Trinity, who said she wasn't bothered by the stings.

"It's a little pinch."

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For more information, ticket purchase details and schedules visit niagarawinefestival.com

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Heidi Fielding, hospitality manager of Fielding Estate Winery, pours a glass of Riesling for Taylor Jackson of St. Catharines. Montebello Park was busy during the first night of the Niagara Wine Festival. The festival kicked off with a performance by Matt Dusk in Montebello Park. Note to festival goers-no chairs are allowed in the park this year.

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Teen to attempt English Channel crossing

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Trinity's mom, Christine Arsenault, said the unknowns, such as jellyfish stings, are the hardest part of a foreign swim.

"I was feeling really nervous about some of the details of the swim, and we had to put it all down and say, wait a minute, swimming is what we do," said Christine "The hard part is getting there and figuring out a different country. There are so many things we take for granted that we have here and won't have there, and trying to anticipate what that is."

One of the unknowns the Arsenaults encountered? The cost of coconut water. Coconut water is necessary for Trinity's nutrition plan on her swims. The drink costs between $1.99 to $4.99 a litre in Canada and can be found nearly everywhere. In England? The cheap stuff starts at $40, said Christine.

The discovery made her start asking more questions.

"Can we really do this?" she said. "I think as a single mom just being so afraid to take the girls so far away from home, and the reality with what is the surprise?"

Trinity is raising money for Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities, which donates to children so they can engage in a sport or activity.

"This is all for Jumpstart," said Christine. "It's the privilege of participating in sport. It's the privilege of being able to dream big and the gift of that and how far that goes, not just in (Trinity's) life, but in our lives."

Trinity's sister, Michaela Arsenault, in June snagged the title for youngest swimmer to cross Lake Erie. She is also going on the trip and will be pacing for Trinity and feeding her on her swim.

"I'm really excited," Michaela said. "I'm very excited because I know that Trinity is going to do it, but I'm not gonna lie, I'm a little bit nervous."

Trinity will spend a week acclimating to the water and time zone before attempting the swim. Her official window is Sept. 15 to 22.

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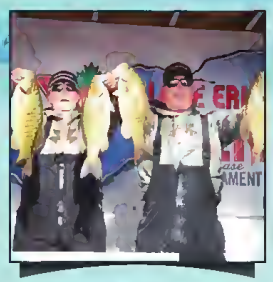

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Big Move crossed $3 million milestone

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The nearly 400 riders who crossed the finish line of the annual Big Move Cancer Ride last Sunday raised enough money to push the event's lifetime total of funds raised for local cancer treatment to more than $3 million.

Both the number of riders and funds raised were slightly down from 2015, but organizers say the event was still a success.

"You don't have (oncology services in Niagara) without events like this," said Dr. Janice Giesbrecht, head of oncology for the Niagara Health System. "Operational budgets do not get used for equipment purchases. The funds raised today is used for that."

The riders of the 2016 event road 25, 50 or 100km Sunday afternoon and raised nearly $280,000.

Last year's event saw more than 450 riders brave a rainstorm. They raised more than $325,000.

Kristina Manzi, director of operations for the One Foundation — which operates the event and raises money for the Niagara Health System — said eight years ago, the Big Move was the only significant charity bike ride in the region. Now there are several such events, making it harder to pull in participants.

"So we have people this year who rode in past events, but don't want to ask family or friends (for donations) so they are volunteering this year," Manzi said. "Others have taken a few years off and are coming back this year."

Giesbrecht said the funds raised by the Big Move will be used to purchase biopsy and diagnostic equipment for the Walker Family Cancer Centre at the St. Catharines hospital.

"We are also looking to the future and the South Niagara hospital," Giesbrecht said.

That hospital, to be built in Niagara Falls will have some cancer services, Giesbrecht said, and will need the appropriate equipment.

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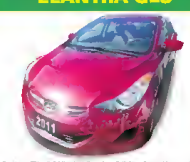

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Rosa Cosentino and the family's newly adopted cat Dalton who was named after her husband's doctor in Hamilton. Friday September 9, 2016 in Welland, Ont.

Badly burned brothers face long recovery

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In the meantime, Rosa said, all the donations from businesses and the community have helped her family get on their feet. They lost everything in the house.

She said they literally had the clothes on their back and nothing more.

"We had absolutely nothing, in the beginning stages it was helping us get clothes on our backs. The kids ran out of the house with no shoes on. It was winter, so coats ... things you don't think about. Some stuff was donated to us, so we want to give back once we are done and we are back in our home," Rosa said.

She said the money has helped with her trips to the hospital to visit her husband and brother-in-law. She said people don't always realize how expensive it is to drive to Toronto each week and pay for parking at the hospital.

"Until someone goes through something this horrific, you don't really understand until you are in their shoes," she said.

Rob and Cesar are expected to return home during November.

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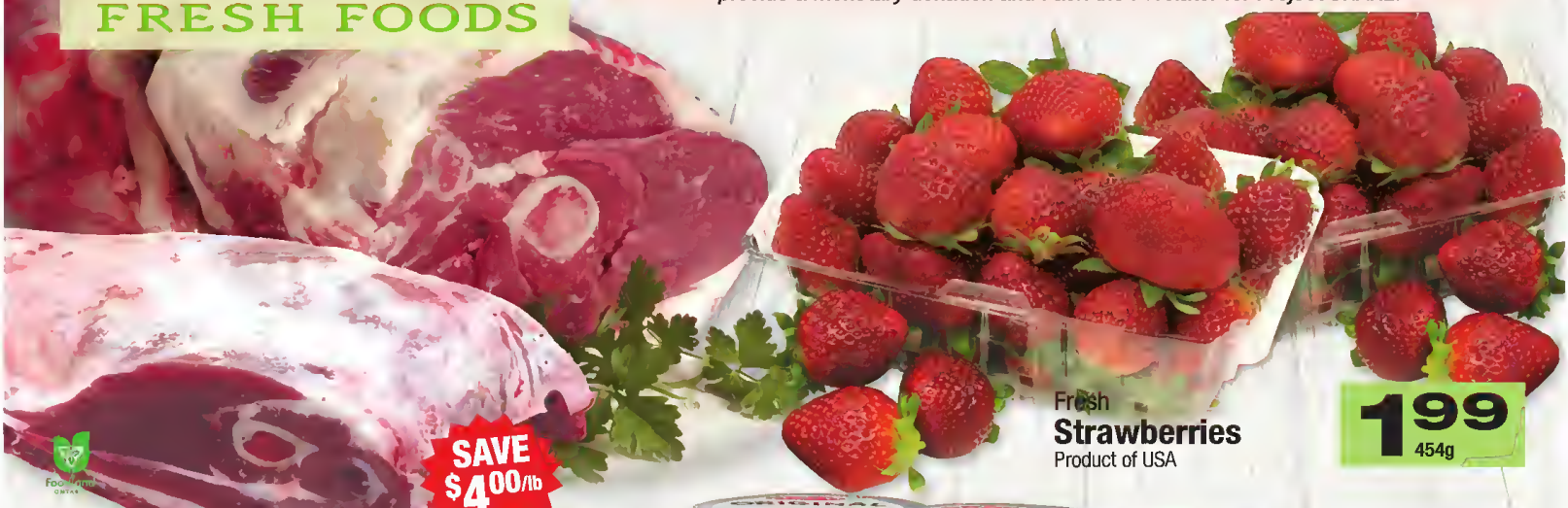

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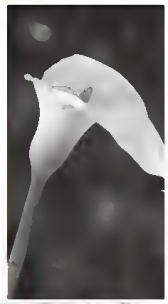

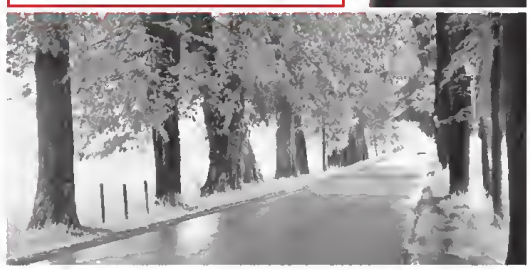

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GILMOUR, Marjorie (née Murgatroyd) It is with great sadness that Marjorie's family announces her death on August 29, 2016 at the age of 99. Marjorie was the daughter of Carl and Annie Murgatroyd. She was predeceased by her husband Hugh James (Red) Gilmour and her daughter Anne (George) Hamer. She will be missed by her sons Jim (Mary) and John, by her grandchildren, Georgia (Ken) Oschipok, Dorothy (Peter) Cressatti, Lori (Peter) Sexton, Katie (Steve Perry) Gilmour and Wendy Gilmour, by her great grandchildren, Kailea, Kira, Sarah, Justin, Marissa, Bryn, Matthew and Audrey and by great great grandchildren Isla, Olivia, Maelle, Julian, Lukas and Oliver as well as by many nieces and nephews and their families. Born in Port Arthur, Marjorie moved with her parents and her brother Bert to Cleveland, Welland & Stevensville. She spent her married life in Fort Erie and was for many years an employee at Young's Store while her husband pursued a career with Canada Customs. After his retirement they enjoyed travelling and covered Canada from coast to coast, also making trips to the USA, England, Holland and East Africa. As well, she became a self-taught expert on antiques, read widely and always gave generously of her time to help friends & family. She was a wonderful cook, delighting children and grandchildren alike with Christmas treats and amazing birthday cakes, a skilled craftswoman and a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, her sensible manner and kindness always earning trust and love. Interment of ashes will be at St. John's, Stevensville at a family graveside service September 17, 2016 at 11:30 am. A special thank you to the staff administration of Gilmore Lodge & Dr. Lee.

NOYES, Craig Adam - It is with heart felt sadness that we announce the passing of Craig on Sat Sept 10th, 2016 after a courageous battle with cancer. Craig slipped away with his loving family by his side at the age of 35 years. Beloved husband and best friend to Sarah (nee. Reade) for 15 years. Cherished father to Brian Calvin. He will be sadly missed by his parents Ann Marie and Doug Noyes and his mother-in-law Maria Reade (and the late Brian Robert 1990). Craig will be fondly remembered by his sister Julie (Kevin) Johnston, his brother Daniel Noyes, his niece and nephew Addison and Connor Johnston. In keeping with Craig's wishes cremation has taken place. A Funeral Mass will be held at the Parish Community of St. Alexander Roman Catholic Church (50 Pelham Town Square, Fonthill) on Fri Sept 16th at 10:30 am with interment at Pleasantview Memorial Gardens to follow. If so desired, memorial donations to Colon Cancer Canada will be appreciated by his family. You are invited to share your memories, photos and condolences on-line at

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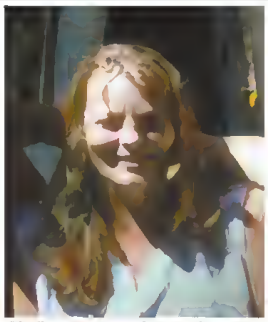
MARTIN, Denise Jane - Denise passed away unexpectedly at the Hamilton General Hospital on Friday September 9th, 2016 at the age of 63. Loving wife of Jim. Cherished mother of Kyle and stepmother of Lindy. Predeceased by her parents Stu and Sam Richardson and her twin sister Dale (Oct. 5, 2013). Shocked family members include her sister Leslie (Alan) Daniels, nieces Meegan (Denny) Legros, Logan, Norah and Jacob; Heather (Jay Dupis) Emma, Olivia and Austin; Siobhan (Corey Bland) Daniels, Evan and Gibson Sawatsky; and nephews, Dennis (Lisa) Andrews, Jackson, Tammin, Tylah, Preston and Braxton; Brendan (Stacy) Daniels, Liam and Aidan; and Kieran (Melissa) Daniels. Charlotte and Lochlan. Also missing her is her Aunt Nancy Richardson, and cousins Bruce (Loretto) and Brian (Marg) Richardson. Denise worked as a MRI Technician at Toronto Western Hospital. She also recently published two books of which she was very proud. **WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES**, 722 Ridge Rd. N. Ridgeway entrusted with arrangements. Friends may call on Tuesday from 5-8 pm. Funeral Services will be held at St. John's Anglican Church on Ridgemount Rd. on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment to follow in the Church Cemetery. If so desired, donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.



BONNER, Mary Catherine - Mary passed away at the age of 53 at the Douglas Memorial Hospital on Saturday September 3rd, 2016. Cherished mother of Justin and proud grandmother of Nathan. She was the daughter of Jean and Alexander Bonner. She will be sadly missed by her siblings, Kathie (Paul) Piazza, Michael (Linda) Bonner, Tim (Brigette) Bonner, Dan (Marlene) Bonner, Pat (Tammy) Bonner and Colleen Bell. Also survived by her many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews her other extended family and many friends. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** entrusted with private family services. If so desired, donations to the Fort Erie SPCA would be appreciated by the family.

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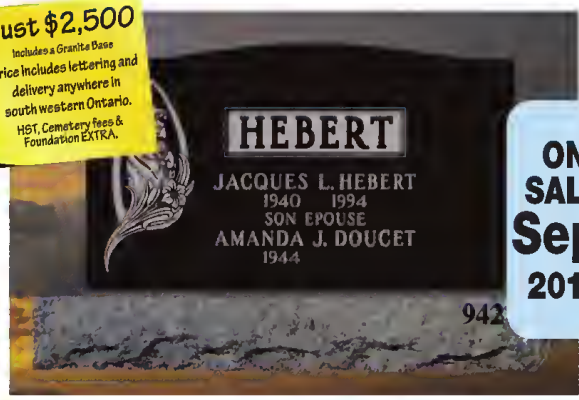

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Rio Vista Retirees results

Special to the Fort Erie Times

Our last golf game of August was cancelled because of the weather, which was really a rare occasion, as it was the only cancellation in the last two years.

However, Last week's 53 seniors attended to once again challenge Rio Vista golf course. They faced no weather difficulties this time.

The event was a four man scramble. Bubby Stapleton won the 50/50 draw. The hidden hole was the par five ninth and a total of nine birdies were recorded.

The closest to the pin event was on the par three third hole, but the tee was set at 100 yards from the hole.

Closest to tbe pin was won by Robin Jones while only six golfers were able to land their ball onto the green.

The shot of the day was by our newest member Vince Brigantino, who was 50 yards from the pin. His approaching pitch landed only a couple of inches from the hole, leaving a tap in for birdie.

First place winners were Garry Romanyk, Dennis Bailey, Bruce Stapleton and Ken Lamalice. Second was a two way tie with Mel Annett, Dave Spence, Pat Ryan and Doug Horner as well as Jim House Terry Ellis, Bob Woehl and Waldo Robley. Third place were John Lunn, Harry Visser, Vince Brigantino, Norm Seebach and Brian Hopkins. At the end the guys had a nice luncheon.

Wednesday's game was a special type of four man scramble event. The results from this week were not available before the Fort Erie Times press deadline.

FORT ERIE TIMES PHOTO

Our feature photo is the first Fort Erie junior B team from 1957. Pictured from left, is Harry Elliott, Alf Hales, 'Monk' Hill, Mike McGuire, Harvey Boles, Norm Rouse, (back row) Jim Driver, John Ehrmann, Tom Knezick, Gill Pilote, Vince Monteroni, John Thomas, Richard Dube, Ron Potyok, and coach Roy Boles.

Skating through the decades

Junior B hockey in Fort Erie has been a part of our sports entertainment since 1957.

Between 1957 and 1964, our junior team was known as the Frontiers, and from 1964 to 1971, our team was known as the Fort Erie Autos.

Our junior B team as we know it today became the Fort Erie Meteors in 1971.

The juniors initially played in the Niagara District Junior B League, winning the championship in 1979. The following year, the Meteors entered the Golden Horseshoe Division of the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League.

The volunteers and coaches can be extremely proud to look back to our graduates of our local teams from over the years that have gone on to play in the National Hockey League, other professional leagues as well as at colleges and universities.

These players include Tom Reid and Lynn Zimmerman, who played hockey during the 1950s and 1960s; Mike Lalor, Randy Burridge, Stan Drulia, Jarrod Skaide and Don Marguette who played during the 1970s and 1980s; Mike Tobin, Kevin McKinnon, Matt Desrosiers, Andre Deveaux, who played during the 1990s, and Trevor Parkes, Kyle Jukosky, Derek Lyons, Ryan Berard, Tim Songin and Ryan Bellows, who played during the 2000s.

Tony Passero, the Meteors' owner and general manager, played junior hockey in town from 1973 to 1979, and helped his team to win the Niagara District Championship under coaches Ralph Biamonte and Fred Meredith during the 1978-79 season.

In 1980 and 1981, Tony went to Europe to play hockey in Belgium and Italy.

Returning home, he became assistant coach, and took ownership of the team in 1983-84, along with Pat Murphy Junior.

In 1989, Tony took sole ownership of the club, and today as the general manager, he is in charge of player personnel.

This year, the Meteors have a new coach in Todd Clayton. He is the former coach of the Welland Junior Canadians, and the Senior B Welland Whalers.

As always, the focus is to put a winning team on the ice, develop players to move to a higher level and have as many local boys on the roster as possible.

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Ruby Smith and sports editor Vern Benner for the Heritage Arts Legacy.

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Canada Post honour for Laura Secord

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The Queenston post office opened in 1801 and is one of the oldest running post offices in Canada.

Just 12 years after it opened, in June of 1813 during the War of 1812, Laura Secord left her home and made her way into history when she bravely walked 32 kilometres to warn British forces of an impending American attack on Canada.

And, while Secord was featured on a Canada Post stamp in September 1992 and again in 2013 for a series commemorating the War of 1812, the former postmaster at the Queenston post office felt there was more the town could do to commemorate her role.

On Tuesday — which marks Secord's 241st birthday — a new cancellation mark will be available at the Queenston Street post office.

A cancellation, also known as a cancel, is a postal marking applied to a postage stamp or a piece of postal stationery indicating that the item has been used.

"Collecting cancellation markings is a unique part of stamp collecting," explained acting post master Quinn Tiller-Claassen said. "Collectors travel the world stopping at each post office for a cancel mark."

Typically a cancellation is simply a date stamp but some post offices use stamps with an image that represents the area.

The Niagara-on-the-Lake cancellation stamp, for example, features an image of the clock tower.

Former postmaster Sharon Coutts began the ball rolling to create a unique cancellation for Queenston.

Local artist Kathy Thomas, a member of the organizing committee behind the annual Laura Secord Day celebration, took up the task.

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LAURA BARTON/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

Eddie Como, driver of Anger Management, says there wasn't enough room at Merrittville Speedway in Thorold to do all they wanted. Here he helps close out the speedways season on Sunday.

The crowd at Merrittville Speedway in Thorold cheers on 12-year-old Danika Kingsley as she does doughnuts in the mini-monster truck Firestarter.

Track's a crash course

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"You're fixing them every time you drive it pretty well," Como said. "They do wear a lot of parts, and break a lot of parts."

Both his truck and his brother's medium-sized truck High Octane broke during the show and had to be pulled off the track by a tow truck.

Como said it's all worth it in the end, though.

"It's more fun with just the family, really. It's not a big money-making thing," he said. "There are people that do it just to make money, but we just like to have fun."

After the show, the audience came down to the track to take pictures with the trucks and meet the drivers. They were also signing autographs, which Danika said she hadn't done yet, but was thinking she might get to sign one Sunday.

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Police board irked by Uber

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After all the work that went into crafting a bylaw to deal with ride-hailing giant Uber, members of the Niagara Police Services Board were chagrined to learn the company hasn't fulfilled its end of the bargain.

The board passed a bylaw allowing Uber to operate legally in Niagara, starting July 1.

"I want this enforced immediately," police board chairman Bob Gale told a police services board meeting. "I've lost patience with them. The taxi drivers have to pay first before they start operating."

Uber Canada spokeswoman Susie Heath said Monday the company is "working closely" with Niagara police to resolve the situation — as they are with staff in cities such as Toronto and Ottawa, both of which recently passed bylaws.

Gale said he was expecting a report from the police service Tuesday.

Uber originally moved into the Niagara market illegally in November 2015, ignoring the regulations.

In the following months, the police board held public meetings and had staff working overtime to come up with a made-in-Niagara solution to the thorny issue, which at the time enraged taxi drivers who had paid licensing fees.

In April, police charged 20 Uber drivers with offenses under a section of the provincial Highway Traffic Act that prohibits picking up passengers for compensation without a proper licence.

By the end of June, the board had crafted regulations that updated rules for taxis and ride-hailing services. The rules were generally met with approval or at least muted criticism.

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Bob Gale, Niagara Regional councilor. Niagara Regional Council meeting held on Thursday, January 15, 2015.

The new regulations included having Uber pay a flat fee for licensing and a per trip charge. The board heard Thursday it has yet to receive any money.

"They have said the cheque is in the mail," said Det.-Sgt. Craig Labaune, who oversees the NRP's bylaw enforcement.

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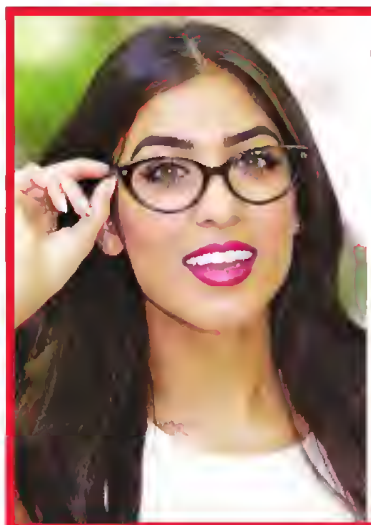

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Thomas is also the artist behind a creative heritage map of Queenston as well as a heritage map of Secord's Legacy Trail.

The post office will celebrate the launch of the new cancel mark with an open house Tuesday at 1 p.m. Residents are invited to stop by to learn more about Queenston's postal history and the story of Laura Secord.

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